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SUBJECT: US PARTICIPATION IN U.N. AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW
ROLE OF U.N. IN FIELD OF DISARMAMENT

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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON HENRIK LILJEGREN, CHIEF OF MFA
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FOURTH DIVISION (DISARMAMENT) TO INFORM HIM OF U.S. DECISION TO

PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A "BASIC REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE U.N. IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD," MAKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. WE ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT USG CONSIDERS THAT STATE SECRETARY INGZJTHORSSON WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE CHOICE TO CHAIR COMMITTEE AND THAT, IF SWEDES ARE INTERESTED, WE BELIEVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK COULD BE USEFUL.

2. LILJEGREN SAID GOS "DEEPLY PLEASED" AT USG DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC COMMITTEE, AND WOULD WELCOME EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE SUGGESTED THAT INASMUCH AS SWEDISH MINISTER LENNART ECKERBERG -- AN AUTHORITY ON DISARMAMENT -- IS ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, SUCH CONSULTATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.

3. LILJEGREN SAID GOS DELEGATION TO AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ONLY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 24. IT WILL BE HEADED BY MRS. THORSSON, AND OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE AMBASSADOR HAMILTON FROM GENEVA, LARS ENGFELDT, DEPUTY CHIEF OF FOURTH DIVISION, AND LARS JONSSON, FROM SAME OFFICE. LILJEGREN SAID MRS. THORSSON WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSUME CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE IF SUCH IS THE CONSENSUS OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONS.

4. ACCORDING TO LILJEGREN, GOS IS NOW IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING ITS PROCEDURAL POSITION IN THE COMMITTEE. PRELIMINARILY, HE SAID GOS SUPPORTS CONSENSUS METHOD OF REACHING DECISIONS, AS USED AT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. GOS UNDERSTANDS THAT USG WOULD PREFER GENEVA AS THE SITE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SESSION IN JUNE/JULY, BUT BELIEVES THAT THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHOSE RESOURCES IN DISARMAMENT FIELD ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. THEREFORE, GOS INCLINED TO BACK N.Y. AS VENUE. HE SAID GOS STILL HOPES PRC WILL EVENTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF COMMITTEE.

5. LILJEGREN SAID GOS CONSIDERS IT "VERY IMPORTANT" THAT SOME KIND OF MANDATE FOR WORK OF COMMITTEE BE PRESENTED TO U.N. SECRETARIAT BEFORE SUMMER SESSION BEGINS, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANTICIPATES THAT PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS WILL PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AND PROPOSALS TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR ANALYSIS BY MAY 1. HE SAID SWEDES BELIEVE THAT ROLE OF SYG WILL BE CRUCIAL TO WORK OF COMMITTEE. LILJEGREN NOTED THAT, IN CONTRAST TO USG VIEW THAT FIRM AGENDA SHOULD BE WORKED OUT FOR SUBSTANTIVE SUMMER SESSION, GOS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT WORKING OUT A PRECISE AGENDA WILL BE DIFFICULT. HE ADDED THAT ANOTHER QUESTION IS WHAT KIND OF

WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE FORMED. GOS HAS NOT YET
DETERMINED ITS POSITION ON THIS QUESTION,
LILJEGREN CONCLUDED.
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